

Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 10, 2005**. Wet, soggy conditions continue to plague farmers across the state. There were only a few days were suitable for fieldwork, and farmers did what they could to make it a productive week. Rice and sorghum planting are in the early stages, and some early planted soybeans have emerged. Corn planting is still behind schedule, and wet weather continued to slow planting progress this week. Farmers are keeping a close eye on weather forecasts and planning their schedule on a day by day basis. Soil moisture was rated 17 percent adequate and 83 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2004	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	50	48	90	71	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	32	19	55	45	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Planted	4	--	18	10	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum	Planted	5	--	26	10	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Planted	11	6	36	15	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	2	--	11	5	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Jointing	93	88	88	83	2	4	33	56	5
	Heading	13	2	31	23	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	1	0	13	5	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Planted	35	22	45	47	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						2	7	28	53	10
Pasture						1	7	30	49	13

County Agent Comments

"Farmers were just beginning to burndown and prepare for planting when the bottom fell out again. Most producers are looking at more soybean acres because of the lack of corn planted. Winter pastures look good and most have applied nitrogen. We need warm weather to help dry the fields."

— Tim Needham, Tippah

"April 4th and 5th were good days for fieldwork. Corn, soybean and rice fields were being planted. Tillage work and fertilizer applications were taking place in many other fields. Since Tuesday night, it has been too wet for field work. Approximately four inches of rain fell from Tuesday night through Friday."

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

"The wheat crop is heading and we have experienced some problems with stripe rust. Corn planting is behind, and one more rain will shift acres from corn to soybeans and maybe add some grain sorghum."

— Dr. Dennis B. Reginelli, Noxubee

“Wet soil moisture conditions are hindering corn and soybean planting. Dairy producers relying on corn for silage are running terribly late in getting corn planted, and frequent rains are preventing the harvesting of ryegrass bale silage. Storms and high winds on Wednesday caused significant timber and structural damage in the central and northern portions of the county.”

— Lamar Adams, Walthall

“Pastures in many areas are too wet to spray for weeds or to apply fertilizer! Ryegrass is drowning out in some areas. Farmers are seeing more foot rot than normal in cattle. We are at least a week behind on planting commercial vegetables crops.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Every time it almost gets dry enough to get in the field, it rains again.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“The 6-8 inches of rain throughout the county has set back any thoughts of getting in the fields until probably late next week at the earliest. This will depend on sunshine from now until then, and the forecast doesn't look too promising.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Constant rains have prevented producers from planting corn. More rain is in the forecast.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“We got anywhere from 1-5 inches of rain, depending on where you were. Most areas got at least 3 inches. Needless to say, it will be Monday before we can think about getting back in the fields and NOAA is forecasting rain again by Monday night. When it rains it pours!”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Corn and early soybeans planted on lighter soils with beds are emerging. Heavy rains continue to delay field preparation and planting.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Corn and early soybean planting were again halted mid-week by showers ranging from .4 inches to slightly more. Relief from the showers would insure early planting.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Further delays in the planting of corn have been caused by rains. Producers are becoming very concerned about the delay in planting this crop, with some considering a switch to either soybeans or cotton.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Rain is the word of the week! Sweetpotato bedding was completed before it rained, but corn planting was just beginning a day or two before the weather turned against us.”

— Dr. Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Heavy rains have stopped all fieldwork activity. Growers will be forced to plant corn past the recommended planting time or switch to soybeans and/or cotton.”

— Charlie Stokes, Monroe

“Wet weather slowed fieldwork. Pastures and cattle are in good shape. Warmer temperatures have brought out the flies, so cattlemen need to begin taking fly control measures.”

— Richard Hay, Amite

“Rains have halted all fieldwork at this time. Many areas have had over 10 inches of rain in the past week. Growers are trying to finish planting corn and get fields ready for cotton and peanuts.”

— Mike Howell, Covington

“Ryegrass that has been properly fertilized is doing excellent. For the last few weeks, about the time it got dry enough to do anything, it rained again.”

— Clayton Rouse, Lamar

“Weekly rains are keeping corn from being planted. It looks like a lot of nitrogen has been lost due to heavy rains on ryegrass fields. Hay supplies are beginning to get tight, but there should be plenty to get through till spring. Cotton and peanut growers are applying burndown materials.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Some fields are drying out enough between rains to allow for fieldwork, while others remain too wet. Dairy farmers have planted the majority of their silage corn. Milk production is at maximum capacity. Ryegrass grass is providing plenty of grazing. Field tomatoes have been planted and are looking good.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“Heavy rain last week halted all field activities. There was some wind damage in the county due to tornado activity around Union, MS. With more rain expected today, field operations will not resume this week.”

— Victor Lee, Newton

“We had two rain systems, one following the other, that dumped from 2 to 6 inches in different places in the county. We are expecting more rain in the next 3 days.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

Additional comments appear on the Internet at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>

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Weather Summary from April 4 , 2005 to April 10 , 2005 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Charleston	79	37	63	59	+4	4.69	+3.29	3	7.64				
Cleveland				59		2.25	+0.99	3	4.54				
Tunica				59		1.69	+0.35	3	4.13				
Extreme/Average	79	37	63	60	+3	2.88	+1.56	3	5.44				
2. North-Central													
HickoryFlat	79	38	60	57	+3	3.46	+2.17	3	6.06				
Calhoun City	80	40	61	59	+2	2.70	+1.37	3	5.00				
Independence	79	34	60	58	+2	2.30	+1.18	3	5.13				
Oxford	81	38	63	58	+5	3.79	+2.57	3	5.60				
Extreme/Average	81	34	61	59	+2	3.06	+1.78	3	5.45				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	75	41	60	58	+2	3.38	+2.15	2	5.13				
Iuka	79	28	58	55	+3	3.26	+2.03	3	5.11				
Ripley	80	32	59	57	+2	3.37	+2.04	3	5.30				
Tupelo	79	45	63			2.63		3	3.82				
Verona	80	39	61	59	+2	2.78	+1.52	3	5.17				
Extreme/Average	80	28	60	59	+1	3.08	+1.81	3	4.91				
4. LowerDelta													
Moorhead	80	45	65	62	+3	0.92	-0.41	4	3.26				
RollingFork	82	48	66	61	+5	2.81	+1.46	2	5.12				
Stoneville	81	49	66	61	+5	0.29	-0.98	2	2.37				
YazooCity	80	39	63	62	+1	3.86	+2.41	3	5.66				
Extreme/Average	82	39	65	62	+3	1.97	+0.64	3	4.10				
5. Central													
Canton	80	45	63	62	+1	1.01	-0.36	3	4.43				
Carthage	82	42	63	60	+3	2.11	+0.71	2	5.22				
Lexington	81	35	61	60	+1	3.02	+1.69	3	5.42				
Eupora	81	33	59	59	0	1.71	+0.35	2	4.99				
Extreme/Average	82	33	61	60	+1	1.96	+0.56	3	5.02				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	79	37	61	59	+2	3.32	+2.04	2	5.95				
Houston	79	32	60	58	+2	2.02	+0.73	3	4.13				
Louisville				59		1.62	+0.21	1	2.48				
StateUniversity	80	43	63	60	+3	3.13	+1.78	3	6.35				
Extreme/Average	80	32	62	60	+2	3.23	+1.87	3	6.15				
7. Southwest													
CrystalSprings	80	49	64	63	+1	1.31	-0.16	2	6.86				
Natchez	80	39	62	64	-2	0.68	-0.79	3	6.07				
Oakley	81	38	63	61	+2	0.53	-0.94	3	6.57				
Vicksburg	80	50	65			1.83		2	5.54				
Extreme/Average	81	38	63	63	0	1.09	-0.37	3	6.32				
8. South-Central													
Collins	78	37	61	62	-1	1.80	+0.46	2	12.39				
Columbia	81	44	65	63	+2	2.20	+0.78	3	8.11				
Tylertown	80	40	63	64	-1	1.73	+0.40	3	8.10				
Extreme/Average	81	37	63	63	0	1.91	+0.51	3	9.53				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.28		1	8.09				
Hattiesburg	81	36	62	63	-1	0.08	-1.26	1	7.87				
Laurel	81	39	63	62	+1	1.52	+0.29	1	10.11				
Newton	82	39	61	60	+1	3.00	+1.53	2	8.90				
Extreme/Average	82	36	62	62	0	1.22	-0.10	1	8.69				
10.Coastal													
Gulfport	74	48	65	66	-1	5.45	+4.26	2	12.00				
Poplarville	80	48	64	64	0	0.50	-0.79	1	11.40				
Waveland	74	41	63	64	-1	2.76	+1.34	1	7.20				
Extreme/Average	80	41	64	65	-1	2.90	+1.68	1	9.30				
State	82	28	62	61	+1	2.21	+0.87	3	6.51				

DFN = Departure from Normal.